

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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DEATH OF ENDANGERED DEER IN DELHI ZOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some endangered Manipuri dancing deer have died at Delhi Zoo recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof;
- (c) the total number of Manipuri dancing deer in the country;
- (d) whether any probe has been ordered for enquiring into the causes of death of these animals;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (f) the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons;
- (g) whether several endangered animals have been reported missing from Delhi zoo recently;
- (h) if so, the details thereof; and
- (i) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) & (b) Nine Manipuri dancing deer have died on 06.11.2007 in National Zoological Park, Delhi. As per the Post Mortem report death was due to biological shock and stress.
- (c) Manipuri dancing deer is endemic to Manipur State. As per the available information there are only about 180 Manipuri deer in wild and about 168 in different Zoos of the country.
- (d) to (f) An inquiry has been instituted in the matter and report is awaited.
- (g) No, Sir.
- (h)&(i) Does not arise.